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SUMMARY: IN WHAT WE ASSUME WAS THE LAST PLENARY SESSION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, TODAY, SEVERAL OF THE ISSUES OUTSTANDING WERE RESOLVED OR MOVED CLOSER TO RESOLUTION. EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE BELOW THE PLENARY LEVEL TO RESOLVE WHAT REMAINS. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE NATO RELATIONSHIP; THE US LANGUAGE ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY AREILZA YESTERDAY AWAITS FORMAL US CONFIRMATION. END SUMMARY.

1. THE ASSISTANCE PACKAGE. THERE WAS NO FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION

OF THIS AT THE PLENARY. THE SPANISH SIDE APPEARS TO HAVE ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSALS AS PRESENTED JAN 22, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ISSUE OF THE NUMBER OF F-4'S TO BE PROVIDED ON LEASE, WHICH IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN GENERALS ROBERTSON AND DOLZ. ONCE THIS IS RESOLVED, THE FINAL DRAFTING SHOULD BE A SIMPLE MATTER.
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2. FACILITIES. WE NOW HAVE AN AGREED TEXT FOR MOST OF THE LANGUAGE IN SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 6, INCLUDING THE FIRST PARAGRAPH. WE STILL DO NOT HAVE AGREEMENT ON THE NOTES ATTACHED. THE SPANISH PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR A SEPARATE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON MAJOR FACILITIES, TOGETHER WITH AN ACCOMPANYING LIST COVERING MONOR FACILITIES. THE ONLY PROBLEM OF NOTE WITH REGARD TO THIS IS A CONTINUED EFFORT BY DOLZ TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO THE THREE PETROLEUM STORAGE FARMS CONNECTED WITH THE CADIZ-ZARAGOZA PIPELINE. FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD THIS EVENING.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE SSBN'S, THE SPANISH SIDE ANNOUNCED THAT THE LIMIT OF ITS NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS WAS FOR WITHDRAWAL NO LATER THAN 1 JAN 1979. GREATER FLEXIBILITY WAS INDICATED REGARDING THE SPANISH DESIRE FOR A SIMILARLY EARLY DEPARTURE OF THE KC-135 TANKER DETACHMENT, AND WE ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY IN REACHING SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT. WE ACHIEVED LANGUAGE ON TRANSIT RIGHTS AND OVERFLIGHTS WHICH IS EVEN MORE FAVORABLE TO US THAN THE RIGHTS WE ENJOY AT PRESENT. THE NOTE ALSO INCLUDES A COMMITMENT BY BOTH PARTIES TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE THAT ALL SPANISH PASSPORT AND CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS ARE MET AT TORREJON BY MILITARY TRANSIENTS NOT ASSIGNED TO SPAIN.

4. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: REVISED US LANGUAGE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 3 (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) WAS ALSO ACCEPTED THIS MORNING.

5. SOFA MATTERS. THE SPANISH SIDE ACCEPTED US-PROPOSED LANGUAGE WHICH MAKES CLEAR THAT US FORCES PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO SPANISH MILITARY COURT JURISDICTION. THE SPANISH MADE ONE FURTHER ATTEMPT TO REOPEN THE G-3 TARIFF ISSUE. THE SPANISH PROPOSED DEALING WITH THE RIGHTS OF MILITARY TOURISTS BY A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD GRANT THEM THE SAME RIGHTS ENJOYED BY US FORCES IN SPAIN.
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